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Newslines

Going for goal

Col. Philip Ruhlman, 20th Fighter Wing commander, challenges all 20th FW personnel to take care of our own.

When the 20th FW reaches 60 days without a DUI the commander will grant a wing down day.

We have 40 days to go. Make it happen!

Civilian Call

The 20th Fighter Wing civilian commander's call is set for Oct. 13 at 10 a.m. in the base theater.

Awards luncheon

The quarterly awards luncheon is set for Oct. 27 at 11:30 in the Conference Center.

For tickets, contact a member of Top Three.

Med Group closure

In observance of Columbus Day, the 20th Medical Group's Saturday Clinic is cancelled and the 20th MDG will be closed Monday.

Due to training, the 20th MDG will close Oct. 15 at 2 p.m.

For medical emergencies, call 911 or seek care at the nearest emergency room. For non-emergencies call 895-CARE.

Sumter-Shaw Street Fest

The Sumter-Shaw Street Fest is a free event set for Oct. 16 from 6 to 10 p.m. on Main St. in Sumter.

This salute to the men and women of Team Shaw includes music, food, entertainment for children and a performance by *The Holiday Band*.

Shaw is finalist for excellence award

By 1st Lt. Suzanne Ovel
Media relations chief

Shaw was recently named a finalist for the Air Combat Command 2005 Installation Excellence Award.

The IEA program recognizes outstanding efforts by Airmen and civilians who operate ACC bases, focusing on their creativity and innovation in accomplishing their missions.

"The men and women of Team Shaw truly deserve this recognition for their incredible dedication to our mission and to our fellow Airmen," said Col. Philip Ruhlman, 20th Fighter Wing commander. "We demonstrated this before with our outstanding Unit Compliance Inspection ratings, and I know we'll

show that same level of excellence and innovation during this visit."

An ACC inspection team will visit Shaw Thursday to evaluate how well each unit is "promoting unit cohesiveness, recognizing individual effort, increasing customer satisfaction, and enhancing work productivity," said Mr. Chris Aamold, wing IEA project officer and deputy 20th Civil Engineer Squadron commander.

The team will meet with selected units from the 20th Fighter Wing groups and wing staff agencies, with major tenant units, the defense commissary agency, and the Army and Air Force exchange agency. The inspectors will focus on visiting with junior Airmen in each of these areas.

"The real intent here is why or how is any particular item better

than regular. What have we done to improve it?" said Mr. Aamold.

"This is really our opportunity to share the pride of Shaw Air Force Base with Air Combat Command inspectors," he said.

Shaw is one of two finalists for ACC; the other finalist is Cannon Air Force Base, N.M.

If chosen, Shaw would receive \$500,000 for a variety of programs on base. In addition, winning the ACC-level IEA could be a stepping stone to the 2005 Commander in Chief's Annual Award for Installation Excellence, which is awarded to the best installation in each service.

Winning the presidential award for the best Air Force installation would give Shaw \$1 million for new base projects.



Photo by Mrs. Tarsha Storey

Airman Jason Dorsey (left) and Airman 1st Class Ron Thrush, both with the 20th Civil Engineer Squadron readiness section, use an APD 2000 chemical detector of nerve and blister agents Thursday. Both Airmen were recognized during the Unit Compliance Inspection in September as superior performers for the Readiness Logistics Element Team.



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Holiday Hours for Monday

BX	10 a.m.-6 p.m.
Commissary	Closed
Food court	11 a.m.-5 p.m.
5000 Shoppette	11 a.m.-6 p.m.
Class 6	9 a.m.-9 p.m.
Burger King	11 a.m.-5 p.m.
Club Shaw	Closed
Bowling Center	5 -9:30p.m.
Fitness Center	7a.m.-6 p.m.
Carolina Lakes	7 a.m.-7 p.m.
Vet Clinic	Closed
Arts and Crafts Center	Closed
Tours and Entertainment	Closed
Outdoor Recreation	Closed
Auto Skill Center	Closed
Child Development Center	Closed
Youth Center	Closed
Community Center	Closed
Library	Noon-5 p.m.
Lodging	24 hours

Chapel offers Financial Peace

By Staff Sgt. Alicia Prakash
Editor

Financial Peace University is set to begin Tuesday at 6:30 p.m. in the Education Center. This 13-week course is a faith-based financial education program which is meant to meet the needs of service members by allowing unit commanders, chaplains, and military support groups to personally help Team Shaw properly manage money.

"It is for married people, singles, [and those who are] divorced or engaged," said Chaplain (Capt.) Richard Anderson, 20th Fighter Wing protestant chaplain.

This is the first time it has been offered at Shaw, but the chaplain harps on the previous success of FPU. Many Army posts and other Air Force bases have offered or are in the process of offering the course.

"The program is simply out-

standing!" he said. "The average family eliminates more than \$5,300 in debt while saving more than \$2,700 during the 13 weeks of FPU."

According to the National Defense Research Institute, the services have a vested interest in reducing the number and types of financial problems members have. Those problems have a negative effect on not only the individual, but also family well-being. It can also lead to poor job performance.

"Financial counseling eases some of the pressure," said Mrs. Carolyn Bridges, Family Support Center community readiness technician.

She counsels people on their personal finances and said when a financial burden is lifted, they can focus on their jobs.

"We need members to feel at ease when they are at work," she said.

Mrs. Bridges said there are

various financial needs for people, from having money to spend to having money to save or invest.

An individual who may not know how to manage his money, may become vulnerable to outlets such as car dealerships, check-cashing places and credit card companies.

For someone else, running out of money a couple of days before payday may be a problem. Then, there are people who need assistance with savings and investments.

FPU can help with the many financial desires people may have. The course educates them with an understanding of the financial world and today's culture. It provides knowledge, while changing behavior to develop healthy, consistent money management habits.

For more information about FPU, call the base chapel at **895-1104**.

NEWS BRIEFS

CJR revision

The Air Force has revised the career job reservation list.

First-term Airmen serving in career fields currently constrained may not be allowed to reenlist, unless they are approved to retrain in another specialty.

Only first-term Airmen selected for reenlistment by their commander under the Selective Reenlistment Program will be allowed to apply for a CJR.

For more information, contact the Military Personnel Flight's reenlistment office at **895-1597** or log on <http://www.afpc.randolph.af.mil/enlskills/Reenlistments/CJR.htm>.

BlackBerry risks

The BlackBerry personal digital assistant provides internet and e-mail access, acts as a phone and calendar. Though convenient, it is open to security vulnerabilities.

To help minimize risks, exercise these preventive measures:

- Do not discuss, process or maintain classified information on the device or carry it into classified-processing environments.

- Use a password with a number, letters and a special character.

For more information, contact your unit information system security officer or the Wing Information Assurance Office at **895-1133**.

Traffic tip

Vehicle operators should obey all traffic control devices, security forces, and traffic control personnel.

Vehicles approaching a yield sign must yield the right-of-way to all cross traffic with the right-of-way.

If necessary, vehicles should stop before entering the intersection.

The driver of a vehicle emerging from an alley, building, parking area, or secondary road should stop immediately prior to exiting and yield right-of-way to pedestrians and other vehicles.

20th Security Forces Squadron Blotter

(Editor's note: The blotter includes incidents from the 20th Security Forces Squadron reports. The following information is intended to increase awareness of resource protection and safety concerns.)

- An Airman was arrested downtown for possession of a controlled substance.

- A window at the Teen Center was broken.

- An Airman's face plate for his radio was stolen.

- An Airman turned in a bag containing contraband.

- An Airman was threatened by another Airman in the dormitory.

- A civilian was apprehended for driving under the influence of alcohol while attempting to gain entry on base.

- Security Forces responded to nine incidents involving POVs and GOVs.

- There were 22 traffic tickets issued during the week

For emergencies, call **911**. Direct routine questions and non-emergency concerns to the 20th SFS at **895-3670**. If you have information about any crime, call the 20th Security Forces Investigations section at **895-3600**.

S **Question:** According to this week's *The Shaw Spirit*, what is the focus of the test, measurement and diagnostic equipment flight?

P **Answer to last week's question:** Shaw's locomotives were built in the 1950s.

r **Last week's winner:** Airman 1st Class Matthew Ciampa, 28th Operational Weather Squadron.

i The first person to e-mail the correct answer to *The Shaw Spirit* at spirit.editor@shaw.af.mil will receive a free smoothie from the Fitness Center.

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DUI/DWI Statistics

Last unit: 20th EMS

2004 total: 33

2003 total: 28

Team Shaw's newly promoted officers

Lieutenant colonel:

28th Operational Weather Squadron

Gettys Harris, Jr.

337th Recruiting Squadron

Anthony Secrist

609th Air Support Squadron

Daniel Clairmont

Steven Keller

609th Combat Plans Squadron

Lance Murray

9th Air Force

Kenneth Canterbury

Mark Evans

Robert Mozeleski

Davin Shing

379th Air Expeditionary Wing

Max Massey, Jr.

Captain:

20th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron

Bradley Altman

20th Civil Engineer Squadron

Eddy Fournier

Jeremy Oldham

20th Equipment Maintenance Squadron

Paul Schultz

20th Fighter Wing

Suzanne Ovel

Fotini Russo

20th Logistics Readiness Squadron

Jeremy Gingrich

Christopher Rosales

20th Operations

Support Squadron

Sara Loyd

20th Security Forces Squadron

Sarah Bragg

Alexander Price

28th Operational Weather Squadron

Shawn Beskar

55th Fighter Squadron

Joseph Palen

Chandler Atwood

Adam Markel

Jeffrey Schneider

77th Fighter Squadron

Michael Blauser

Timothy Murphy

Tyler Niebuhr

Kevin Pugh

Aubrey Venable

79th Fighter Squadron

Kevin Crofton

Gregory Jenkins

Michael Kawan

9th Air Force

Brian Hellenbrandsztaba

609th Air

Communications Squadron

Randall Cartner

609th Air Intelligence Group

Kristen VanDeusen

609th Air Intelligence Squadron

Wendy Holloway

Neal Hughes

Christopher Tidwell

609th Air Support Squadron

Jason Lowe

Jeffrey Underwood

609th Combat Plans Squadron

Garry Alexander

Members Stay in the Blue

The following Team Shaw members reenlisted during the month of September:

Chief master sergeant

Rudy Lopez, 20th

Medical Group

Master sergeant

Malcolm Chatman, 20th
Equipment Maintenance Squadron

Technical sergeants

Robert Blanton, 20th
Component Maintenance Squadron; Jerry Brock Jr., 20th Maintenance Group; Myra Brown, 9th Air Force; Richard Cleveland, 20th EMS; Arnold Conrad, 20th CMS; William Epperson, 20th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron; Christopher Hartley, 20th Logistics Readiness Squadron; David Kvaal, 20th Security Forces

Squadron; Angela McKiever, 20th Civil Engineering Squadron; William Mobley, 609th Combat Operations Squadron

Staff sergeants

William Coleman, 609th Combat Plans Squadron; Ryan Conyers, 20th AMXS; John Diefenbach, 20th SFS; Arnold Hardy, 337th Recruiting Squadron; Kelvin Heard, 20th LRS; Aiysha Johnson, 20th Communications Squadron; Christopher Kennerly, 20th Fighter Wing; Robert Lang, 20th LRS; Edward Navarrette, 20th AMXS; Edward O'Grady, 609th Air Intelligence Squadron; Stacy Rhodes, 9th IWF; Daniel Sartin, 20th CMS; Mikal Schwark, 20th

AMXS; Jason Secrest, 20th EMS; Joseph Stewart, 682nd Air Support Operations Squadron; Erika Stoyko, 609th Air Communications Squadron; Amy Tupper, 9th IWF; Leslie VanBelkum, 9th IWF; Nakesha Williams, 20th Operations Support Squadron

Senior airmen

Brandon Bingham, 20th EMS; Antoine Brookes, 20th CMS; Roxana Chavez-Gonzalez, 20th LRS; Kristin Dobson, 20th OSS; Amy Dotson, 31st Intelligence Squadron; Brandon Kellam, 20th AMXS; Matthew McDonald, 20th SFS; Lawrence Reed, 20th AMXS; Seth Smith, 20th EMS

Hairston-Hunt Retirement

Master Sgt. Susann Hairston-Hunt, 609th Air Support Squadron, is retiring after more than 21 years of service. She and her family have been at Shaw 18 months.

The Oxnard, Calif. native and her husband, Walter have three children, Andre, Alonte and Jade. After retirement, Sgt. Hairston-Hunt plans to attend the University of South Carolina and pursue a degree in financial management. She also plans to spend more time with her family.

"We greatly appreciate Master Sgt. Hairston-Hunt's dedication and service to her country," said Col. Philip Ruhlman, 20th Fighter Wing Commander.

The retirement ceremony is set for Oct. 15th at 10 a.m. in the Conference Center.

Plair Retirement

Master Sgt. Andy Plair, 20th Communications Squadron, is retiring after more than 23 years. He and his family have been at Shaw five years.

The Valdosta, Ga. native and his wife, Vanessa have two children, Sarah and Andrew. After retirement Sgt. Plair plans to start a new company in Quitman, Ga., called Enviro-Rez.

Col. Philip Ruhlman stated, "Team Shaw will truly miss Sgt. Plair's leadership and tireless devotion to the Air Force."

The retirement ceremony is set for Tuesday at 10:30 a.m. in the Conference Center.

The Shaw Spirit runs announcements for sporting event winners, adult and youth sporting leagues, retirements, award winners and graduates. For more information, call 895-2018 or send an e-mail to spirit.editor@shaw.af.mil.